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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled*
OXYGEN SCAVENGERS WITH REDUCED OXIDATION PRODUCTS
FOR USE IN RIGID BEVERAGE AND FOOD CONTAINERS
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are a 38-page patent specification with 17 claims, a title page, and an abstract.

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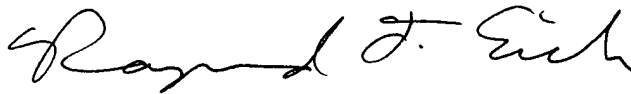
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